

News Review

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Come On In!

Our office is located in the Greenbelt Community Center. Use the entrance facing the Municipal Building, go up the inside steps to the first door on the left (Room 100).

Thursday, February 20, 1997



Time to draw some watercolor images of Greenbelt. (from left) Areole Hamilton, Christie McCann, Amanda Winfrey, Joanna

Andrus, Ann Denkler (Curator of Greenbelt Museum), Brenda McEvoy, Sara Thomas, and Anna Bordelon.

- photo by Keith Zevallos

Greenbelt Girl Scouts Find Out What's Special About Town

by Karen Yoho

Where could you find 75 smiles, a multitude of giggles, and inquiring minds? All that and more were contributed by the Greenbelt Girl Scouts celebrating their annual Greenbelt Discovery Day, February 1-2.

An annual event designed by Greenbelt Girl Scout leaders in 1993 to enhance the girls' pride in and knowledge of their hometown, this year's Greenbelt Discovery Day was attended by seven of Greenbelt's 14 troops. Participants shared in a diverse

range of activities from community service to fitness, to learning new games and songs to exploring what makes Greenbelt's unique past, present, and future. The weekend was full of activities and merriment sure to be remembered.

Greenbelt Discovery Day was launched with a brown bag lunch with special guests City Manager Michael McLaughlin (who sat with his daughter's Brownie troop) and Mayor Pro Tem J Davis. McLaughlin and Davis urged the girls to stay in-

volved and interested in their hometown. "Greenbelt is everyone sitting here, whether it's playing on a soccer team, taking a class at the Community Center, or cleaning up trash with your Girl Scouts. It's about us making things better and better," McLaughlin advised.

After lunch, troops were divided into three groups for various activities. Meeting other girls and becoming friends with Girl Scouts in other troops was an important part of

See GIRL SCOUTS, page 12

City Council Hires Planning Firm To Review Traffic Impact Study

by Diane Oberg

At its February 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council unanimously approved spending roughly \$4,500 to hire Lukas Associates, a transportation planning and engineering consulting firm, to review the traffic impact study for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) headquarters complex being constructed on Sunnyside Avenue. City Solicitor Robert Manzi noted that it had been very difficult to find qualified companies willing to do this work, since so many companies had done work for the Department of Agriculture. While the immediate usefulness of the study will be limited (since the building is already under construction), Manzi suggested that it would be useful in dealing with future proposals to widen

Sunnyside Avenue. Although the USDA to date has not expressed a desire or need to widen that road, Manzi expected that there will be demands for road widening once the building is complete. The cost of the study will

"A traffic impact study would be useful in dealing with future proposals to widen Sunnyside Avenue"
—Robert Manzi, City Solicitor

likely be somewhat higher than the quoted figure, as council expressed a desire to include additional intersections (such as Cherrywood Lane at Greenbelt Road).

Liquor Licenses

Council deferred action on

two liquor license matters. The first, transferring the license to the new owner of the liquor store in Beltway Plaza, was deferred at the suggestion of Councilmember Edward Putens and unanimously approved by his colleagues. Council's concerns did not involve the liquor store, instead they concerned signage issues, with which the shopping center management and council have been wrestling for years. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern about holding off the vote for issues unrelated to the application. However, he agreed to support the motion given the absence of the Beltway Plaza representative, who was unable to attend due to a death in the family.

All other liquor store applications
See COUNCIL, page 5

Lake Concession Operator Charged in July Drowning

by James Giese

A criminal summons was served on February 11 to Joseph Allen Johnson of Lanham in reference to the drowning of a youth counselor at Greenbelt Lake last summer. The document, served by the Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP), charges Johnson, as the operator of the boat rental/concession stand at the lake when the incident occurred, with reckless operation of the vessel, negligent operation of the vessel, failure to carry approved personal flotation devices on board the boat, failure to obtain annual registration and failure to display registration numbers. Johnson was also charged with violating three City of Greenbelt ordinances — unlawfully operating a motor-propelled boat on Greenbelt Lake, operating a vessel above the rated passenger capacity level and failure to display registration numbers.

Johnson was the operator of a 12-foot jonboat with a 7.5-horsepower motor on the lake July 8 that began taking water leaving its occupants stranded about 60 yards from shore. In July, NRP spokesman Richard McIntire said that the boat began to take water at the bow while being operated at full throttle. Johnson tried to head back for shore when the boat stopped, causing the bow to drop suddenly and throwing the occupants overboard, McIntire said. The man who drowned, Dwayne Williams, 25, of Kettering, was a passenger in the boat along with two 14-year-old boys under his care in the Guide Program, Inc. youth group home. Johnson was also a counselor at the home. Johnson and the boys were rescued.

Rescue Efforts

A witness, Gary Reece of Wheaton, said he did not see the boat flip, but rather it propelled itself under water. He then saw the four occupants stand up in the boat. He next observed them in the water and thought that they could swim until he heard calls for help. Reece swam out to the boat, pushing another jonboat. By then, he saw only three in the water. One youth climbed in the rescue boat while Johnson and the other clung to its side. The group was joined by Greenbelt Police Officers Pfc. Barry Byers and Cpl. Carolyn Breck who had received the emergency call and swam out to the boats. In no time there were approximately 80 rescue personnel on the scene, but Williams could not be found. His body was recovered three days later.

The NRP state that their investigation found the boat's hull to be in "poor condition" and

containing several holes. The boat had an approved weight capacity of 260 pounds. The police estimated the weight of the occupants at the time of the incident as approximately 780 pounds.

Johnson and his wife, LaQuetta, had entered into an agreement with the previous concessionaire to operate the stand but had not yet received the city's approval for the change. Julie Greer of Gunners Mate, the concessionaire, had introduced Thomas and his wife to the council at a June 18 worksession where Greer had asked for approval of the transfer prior to July 4. The council had refused, and instead asked the Johnsons to provide more information to the city staff. Council did not object to the Johnsons getting "on-the-job" training at the stand in the meantime. At the worksession, Johnson told the council of his desire to use youths from the group home as employees in order to give them jobs and a meaningful experience.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 17 in the Prince George's District Court in Upper Marlboro. All but two of the charges in the case can be resolved by paying pre-trial fines. However, the state's reckless and negligent operation charges each carry a penalty of 30 days and/or a \$200 fine.

Late Flash

Secretary Bruce Babbitt, U.S. Department of the Interior, has given his approval to the designation of Old Greenbelt as a National Historic Landmark. The landmark program, administered by the National Park Service, places Greenbelt in the same historically important category as Mount Vernon and Pearl Harbor.

What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 24, 7 p.m. A.C.E. meeting with PTA presidents prior to regular Council meeting, Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center

8 p.m. Regular Council meeting, Council Room

Tues., Feb. 25, 7 p.m. A.C.E. Meeting, Conference Room

8 p.m. Council Work Session with BARC, Council Room

Letters

False Assumptions

Thanks for a balanced article on diversity. It is hard to imagine a more open and tolerant community than Greenbelt.

I hail from The Big Apple — where race relations were relatively harmonious. We didn't do a tax-sponsored "education" program to teach the obvious: hey, there's a lot of different folks out here! And guess what? Most got along. And my entire professional life has consisted of working with "ethnically diverse" peoples and cultures.

Is anyone kept out of civic affairs in Greenbelt? Are there barriers in place preventing people from taking part in events? And, is there not every conceivable educational tool available — already — to inform newcomers and long-term residents about each other's "diverseness"?

There's more going on in our city than in most places. That's a real tribute to civic activism. Racism isn't the problem here. Rising crime is. Crime is identified with certain groups — a tragedy, since minorities are themselves the chief victims of the current wave of violent crime. If people don't know about activities in their newly-adopted community, it's for the same reason too many long-time residents can't identify most continents on a world map: apathy and ignorance. TV has done its job well.

Ignorance and apathy aren't traits limited to any one "diverse culture." It's widespread among all groups. These (plus crime) should be addressed. When police and fire and schools face cutbacks, it's ludicrous to spend tax money on an outreach effort on the assumption people too lazy and ignorant to get free information from the library will even bother to read once the material is delivered to their doorstep.

There are countless volunteer programs already in existence. Many do a fine job in promoting good will. And, if members of the diversity brigade want to volunteer, teach people English on their own — or in turn conduct courses in any non-English dialects — what's stopping them?

Self-appointed champions of minorities are succeeding in dividing our society. Nowhere else on Earth have so many different groups thrived — and prospered — than in America. And our historic community, still a tranquil island in the midst of a troubled (and crime-ridden) sea, was founded on certain principles worth reflecting upon today. Tolerance was foremost among them.

Julian Weiss

ERHS 1987 Class Reunion Scheduled

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class of 1987 is looking for alumni for their 10 year class reunion to be held July 12, 1997, at the University of Maryland's University College - The Inn and Conference Center in College Park. Alumni are asked to call Taylor Reunion Services at 1-800-677-7800 to update addresses and phone numbers.

Two Students Share Arcadia Star Role

by Suzanne Zappasodi

Ginny Zanner is an experienced enough director to know a good thing when she sees it ... and two good actresses when she hears them. So, in her wisdom, LaZanner has double-cast the role of Thomasina in the upcoming GAC offering of Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia," opening Friday, February 21.

The two young women are Laura Fisher and Diana Hugue, both sophomores at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The similarities continue: both are 15 years old, have August birthdays, and have been in drama class together for two years with the same teacher, Mr. Clancy. They ran tech backstage at ERHS's production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona," both appeared in GAC's youth production "Stardust," and were among the screaming pack of ghouls at the "Halloween Hair Raiser."

In spite of "having lunch, hanging out, and doing stuff, like movies" together, the pairing does end. Diana chose Spanish as her foreign language, while Laura has German. Diana has long brown hair and button-bright black eyes. Laura has red hair and hazel eyes that "flash green when I'm being silly."

Diana has no siblings, and has about three years total theater experience, whereas Laura and her sister Trina were almost born backstage. The Fishers, Mary Lou and the late Ben, well-known all-around theater types, gave Laura her infant debut as a walk-on in MAD's "Fiddler on the Roof."

Burglar Alarms Now Licensed by City

Burglar alarm licensing for local businesses previously handled by the county has been taken over by the City of Greenbelt. There has been no change in the law and the cost for the licensing is the same. Nothing has changed as well regarding the delivery of police services. Fees received by the city go to offsetting the delivery of the service. Businesses required to be licensed and receiving renewal notices from the county should contact the city at 301-474-8000, Office of Planning and Community Development.

Social Services Needs Volunteers

The Prince George's County Department of Social Services is searching for volunteers to help with various activities. Orientation for new volunteers will be provided on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Mary Lou Klemm at 301-422-5152 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri-Sat 6-11 pm Music 8:30 pm No cover

FRIDAY 21: Chris Fox (Sustainable acoustic music)

SATURDAY 22: Jerry Bressee (Possible CD Release Party!)

Cheesecake and Coffee Special: N.Y. Cheesecake and Regular Coffee Only \$2.25 with this ad.

Greenbelt Community Center

474-5642

Democratic Club Holds Meeting

The featured speaker will be Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze at the next regular membership meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. The meeting will be held on Friday, February 21, at 8 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. Poll workers who helped in the general election last November will be special guests.

By now members should have received their invitation from the 23rd District Delegation for the annual Legislative Reception in Annapolis on

Monday, February 24. The club has also chartered a bus for members and their guests, leaving the Center at 5 p.m. and returning about 10. There is a fee. This is a convenient way to make a visit to the State House and sit in on a Senate or House session. To sign up or for more information, call Pat Unger at 301-474-1914. The general public is invited to help fill the bus, so bring a friend or neighbor along. The number has to be reported for a food count, and it is necessary to know how many will ride the bus, so please RSVP.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors

Thursday, February 27, 1997

7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Bylaws Change - Investments Discussion
- Resolution to Delete Paragraph 14 - M.O.C. Action
- Clark Financial - Resolution Action
- Allocation of Surplus Funds Action
- Homesitters, Inc. Discussion
- Smoke Alarms' Battery Replacement Discussion

Board meetings are open to members

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF GHI

The annual Community Beautification Program will begin March 17. To help members avoid citations, suggestions will appear in the **Greenbelt News Review** from time to time regarding fence painting, seeding damaged lawns, hedge upkeep, and reminders about the 75 foot gardenside encroachment policy. Consult pages 40-80 to 47-85 of your GHI Member's Handbook for more information.

All calls about beautification concerns shall be directed to a new telephone number specially assigned to the 1997 Program. This number is 474-0292.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2-4 p.m., 8-10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.



Greenbelt Arts Center presents

Arcadia
by: Tom Stoppard

Fri and Sat Feb 21st - Mar 15th **Sundays** Mar 2nd and 9th
at 8:00 pm at 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$8 \$6

Directed by Ginny Zanner

Stoppard and his incisive wit, explores the nature of truth and time, in investigating a mysterious sequence of events in the years 1809 to 1812

Auditions
Come Blow Your Horn by: Neil Simon
Looking for 2 males and 2 females aged 20-30 and 1 male and 1 female aged 50+
Monday and Tuesday February 24th and 25th at 7:00 pm

The Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)
For more information call (301) 441-8770

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capostoto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will take place on Wednesday, February 26, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Greenbelt's Mayor, Antoinette Brami, a familiar face to Golden Agers.

At the Feb. 12 meeting, the special guest was Honore Francois, the Greenbelt Librarian, who gave a wonderfully informative talk about the city's library and the county library system. She listed a full menu of services available at the library and talked about hours and funding, both current and future; about learning to surf the Internet and how to use the large printbook system. In addition, she encouraged Club members to send cards to Audrey Scott asking for her support of the County libraries; stating that "dollar for dollar, libraries are the best game around." Lastly, she gave a lovely reading of "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" — a children's book available at the Greenbelt Library.

Phyllis Budin is accepting reservations and checks for the annual Golden Age luncheon scheduled for Friday, April 18, at 11:30 a.m. at "E.J.'s Landing." Ellie Rimar reminded clubmembers that dues must be current in order to be eligible to attend the luncheon.

Jim Maher suggested that members not date their travel checks, so that he can return them if the trip is cancelled or date them at the time of deposit. See the travel committee about upcoming trips.

Joe Wilkerson told about a future Friday, March 14, Beltway Plaza Walking Club event. He also reported on the recent audit of the club's books which was performed by the Audit Committee. Thanks to Margaret Graham, our very competent treasurer, the books are in good order.

How wonderful it is to have another warm air mass upon us; can spring be far behind? Have fun and come out to the meetings.

Co-op Hosts Free Financial Workshop

Managing money and making sure one's finances are in good order takes time. To help members of the community to become financially fit, the Co-op Supermarket and the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service are presenting a free workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 10 - 11 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The purpose of the workshop is to help in identifying one's financial goals and ways to accomplish them. It will examine credit and its uses. The program will be presented by staff from the Cooperative Extension Service. Everyone is invited to participate in this workshop to improve their financial health.

Astronomy Club

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd., Lanham.

The meeting is free and open to the public. A talk entitled "The Equation of Time" will be given, as well as a slide show about Florida's Winter Star Party. Call 301-918-8750.

Community Events

Poetry Plus to Meet

On Saturday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m., the Poetry Plus reading and discussion group will meet at the Greenbelt Library. Selections from Jane Kenyon, a twentieth-century American poet, will be led by Joanna Schmeissner from the University of Maryland. Copies of the selections are available in advance at the Information Desk.

Spring Hike

Prepare for the spring hiking season and join a park ranger for a six-mile trek along the perimeter trail of Greenbelt Park. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m. on February 23.

Open House Planned By Nursery School

On Sunday, March 2, from 3 to 5 p.m., Mishkan Torah Nursery School, 10 Ridge Road, will hold an Open House. The Curriculum encourages emotional, social, cognitive and physical development, creativity and positive self-esteem.

The program includes art, music, stories, dance, drama, science and nature, food experience and nutritious snacks. Jewish holidays are celebrated with song, food and dance. Children of all backgrounds are welcome and their diversity respected. Lunch Bunch is available. Mishkan Torah Nursery School is accredited by the Maryland State Board of Education.

Families are invited to the March 2 open house for fun and refreshments, or parents may call and drop by with their child on a school day. Registration for fall 1997 is now in progress for two, three and four year olds.

For information, contact Bonnie Korr, director, at 301-474-4224 or 301-277-8615.

At the Library

P. J. Storytime for ages 4-6 is scheduled on Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m.

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 will be held on Thursday, February 27, at 10:15 a.m.

Ticky Toddle Storytime for 2-year-olds and a parent or caregiver will follow at 11:15 a.m.

Deer and the Park

Join a Park Ranger to learn about White-tail deer and their impact on Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m. on February 22.

Fox and Bressee At New Deal Cafe

by Geff King, Music Coordinator
301-474-9141

Following is the schedule of performances for the New Deal Cafe this weekend. As always, all shows begin at 8:30 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

On Friday, February 21, the music of Chris Fox, a Baltimore singer-songwriter is featured. Fox plays what's best described as 'sustainable folk music' - original songs with overtones of social justice and all manner of good things. Don Comis' muffins are sure to be on sale, and with luck he'll even be on the premises making up fresh ones!

On Saturday, February 22, Jerry Bressee of Sterling, Virginia, will bring two sets of well-crafted original music to the Cafe. Jerry is a seasoned veteran of the Washington area folk music scene possessing a way with a song few can match. Come hear him tell where he's been and what he's done!

The New Deal Cafe serves coffee, desserts, and light vegetarian fare. We are open Fridays and Saturdays from 6 p.m. to midnight. Our Internet address is http://www2.ari.net/home/gking/new_deal.html

Lacrosse Coach To Address Lions

Dick Edell, head lacrosse coach at the University of Maryland, will address the Greenbelt Lion's Club at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at E.J.'s Restaurant, Best Western Motel, 8601 Baltimore Blvd., College Park.

Coach Edell will explain the game of lacrosse, its origin, the equipment used and the rules of the game. He will bring equipment with him in order to demonstrate its use. The presentation is expected to be exciting and interesting. Lacrosse is called the fastest sport on two feet.

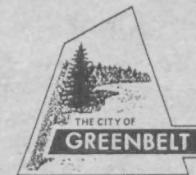
For questions and reservations call 301-474-5156.

Fun at Goddard

"Discover Goddard" is an inside look at the people, operations, and missions of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Lectures by leading scientists, engineers, and project managers are held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. Presentations last about an hour and are recommended for 10th grade and up. To ensure that the latest and most exciting developments and discoveries are discussed, speakers are chosen monthly. Call 301-286-8981 for this month's lecture topic on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m.

Discover Park Plant Life

Join a Park Ranger for a walk to discover the plant life at Greenbelt Park. Meet at Sweetgum picnic area by the Azalea Trail at 9:30 a.m. on February 22.

REGULAR MEETING**OF CITY COUNCIL****GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING****FEBRUARY 24, 1997 - 8:00P.M.****I. ORGANIZATION**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks [*] placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
- Proclamation "National PTA Month"
7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

11. Liquor License Transfer - Pee Kay Liquors
12. Liquor License Renewals - Citywide
13. New Deal Cafe Rent Reduction
14. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision - Prince George's Scrap Lot 1
15. Employment of Firm for Design of Repairs to Greenbelt Lake Dam
16. County Legislation - CB-5-1997 & CB-6-1997
17. Master Police Officer Position Description
18. State Legislation - SB-61-1997
19. Greenbelt History Book
20. Profits from Sale of Mother and Child Statue Replica
21. Request from Eleanor Roosevelt High School
22. Resignation from Arts Advisory Board

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

David E. Moran
City Clerk

**Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club
Intramural Basketball Schedule**

Sat., Feb. 22	Bulls vs "G's" 9-10:30 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 26	Hornets vs Blue Devils 10:30 a.m. - noon
Fri., Feb. 28	White Knights vs Hornets 6 - 7:30 p.m.
	"G's" vs Blue Devils 7:30-9 p.m.
Sat., March 1	Cobras vs Bulls 6-7:30 p.m.
	Blue Devils vs White Knights 7:30 - 9 p.m.
	"G's" vs Cobras 9-10:30 a.m.
	Hornets vs Bulls 10:30 a.m. - noon.

OPEN House

Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten
within the Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland

**Saturday, February 22, 1997
10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

- Fully accredited cooperative education programs for children ages 2-6
- Morning & afternoon nursery school programs
- An accredited half-day morning kindergarten
- Enrichment & 'lunch bunch' programs
- Before care beginning at 7:30 a.m. & after care until 6:00 p.m.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A parent participation program that is flexible
and meets the needs of your family!

Interested parents are encouraged to schedule a visit during school hours prior to attending the 'Open House.'

To schedule an appointment, or for further information, please call:

301/474-5570

Astronomy Club Plans for the Year

by Matt Elliot

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club held its meeting on Thursday, January 30. Turnout was excellent, with seven members and five guests in attendance.

By the end of the meeting, all the guests had joined or promised to join. There were many items on the agenda which kept the participants busy.

Organizer Sue Bassett did not have an exact count, but indicated there are approximately 15 rooms available for the trip to view the total solar eclipse in February, 1998. This trip will be to the Caribbean island of Curacao. At double occupancy, this leaves space for 30 people. However, she expects this space to fill quickly.

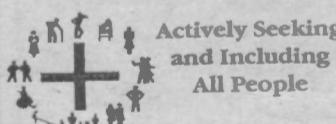
There were lengthy discussions about Astronomy Day, which will occur on Saturday, April 12. This free event will be open to the public and held at the Owens Science Center. It will start at 6 p.m. During the discussions, it was brought out that there will be many interesting presentations, including a planetarium show. Members of the Greenbelt and Goddard Astronomy Clubs will bring their telescopes. If the weather permits, many night sky objects will be viewed, including Comet Hale-Bopp, which should be spectacular.

Star Party dates for 1997 were set. The first star party will be held the evening of Sunday, March 23. On this date, Comet Hale-Bopp will be just past its closest approach to earth, and a partial lunar eclipse will occur.

A new membership was created for couples and families with special dues set.

Nominations for officers were made. Additionally, the new office of Meteor Editor was created. Officers will be elected at the February meeting.

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. Two presentations will be made in February; one by Tom Trunk and the other by George Gliba. All meetings are at the Owens Science Center.



St. George's Episcopal Church

Sundays

9 am Folk Service
10 am Sunday School
11 am Sung Service

Lanham-Severn & Glenn Dale Rds.
Just South of MD 193, Glenn Dale
262-3285

Spiritual and Gospel
Music by Laurel
Oratorio Society and
Special Guests

Renewed Praise Chorale

Saturday,
March 1, 1997 8:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10.00
Laurel Presbyterian Church
7610 Old Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland

For information call: (301) 464-0119

Chorale Celebrates Black History Month

The Laurel Oratorio Society will present its first spiritual/gospel concert in celebration of Black History Month on Saturday, March 1 at 8 p.m. at the Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road. Guest artists will be the Renewed Praise Chorale, formed in 1996 by young adults who share a desire to serve God through the ministry of music. The Chorale is comprised of 15 members, all students at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

The Renewed Praise Chorale maintains a diverse sacred musical repertoire, specializing in music of African-Americans. They are attaining popularity especially for their interpretations of spirituals and gospel music. The Chorale is under the musical direction of Louis Ward.

Tickets may be purchased at the door (see advertisement).

Spouses of Mentally Ill Persons to Meet

On Wednesday, February 26, spouses of the mentally ill will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 218 of the Prince George's County Health Dept., 3003 Hospital Drive in Cheverly (across from P. G. Hospital). This meeting is sponsored by AMI of Prince George's County, Inc. For further information contact Donna at 301-839-0253 or Jane at 301-577-6026.

Baha'i Faith

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ERHS GradNite '97 Needs Donations

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will hold an all-night alcohol/drug-free celebration on June 4, beginning at 10 p.m. This celebration is organized by the parents of the graduating seniors and will provide an exciting, fun-filled, safe celebration following the graduation ceremony. All Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors are invited to attend.

The GradNite '97 celebration theme is: "Passport to Adventure" to illustrate the transition from high school into a bright, new future for these students. Many exciting activities are being planned and door and activity prizes will be awarded all night long.

Businesses, organizations, and individuals are urged to contribute in some way. Needed are donations of giveaway items, gifts and gift certificates to offer as prizes. Monetary contributions are tax deductible and will be used to purchase prizes, games, activities and food. Checks should be made payable to "ERHS GradNite '97." All donations should be sent to: Eleanor Roosevelt GradNite '97 Committee, c/o Mrs. Stephanie Hirt, Treasurer, 11904 Blackwood Court, Laurel, Maryland 20708.

For further information contact Amy Villalba at 301-552-0276 or Ruby Henley at 301-498-1041.

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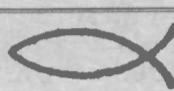
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The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches; drinks will be provided. There is no fee, but reservations are requested. Please call (301)-345-1429 or (301)-474-4653 for reservations or more details.


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Hadassah Program Focuses on Elderly

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, at the home of Sylvia Hendel.

The program for the meeting will be a presentation by Phyllis Oresky, entitled "Dealing With the Elderly."

For more information and directions and to RSVP, call 301-345-2018.

Hadassah is a not-for-profit organization involved in support of Hadassah hospitals and other Hadassah projects in Israel, as well as educational, social, and youth projects in Israel and the United States.

Please join us on Sunday, March 2 at 8:00 a.m. for two 15-minute radio lectures on

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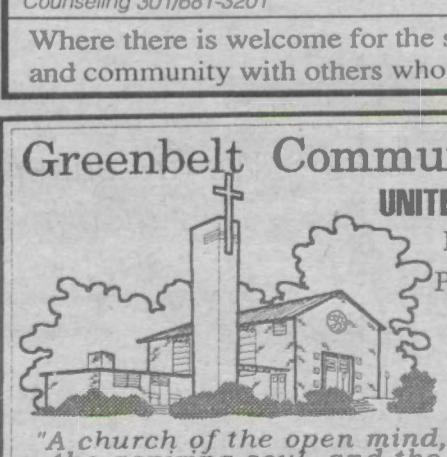
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CITY COUNCIL

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cations in the county expire this spring. Council, again at Putens' suggestion, deferred action until staff can provide information on incidents, such as drunken or disorderly behavior.

Legislation

Under suspension of the rules, council unanimously approved legislation modifying the city's littering law to more clearly indicate that companies hiring people to distribute handbills to residences can be prosecuted if such handbills are left at residences posted with "no trespassing," "no peddlers," or similar notices. City Solicitor Robert Manzi noted that a District Court judge has dismissed several of the city's attempts to prosecute companies for their handbills. The judge found that the ordinance only applied to the person, generally unknown, who actually delivered the advertisements.

Appointments and Resignations

The following individuals were reappointed to city boards and committees: Eunice Coxon and Steven Skolnik, Board of Appeals; Janet Parker, Community Relations Advisory Board; Clement Chu-Sing Lau, Advisory Committee on Education; Walter Braun and Andrew Nitz, Arts Advisory Board; Frieda Schieber and Darlene Walter, Recycling Advisory Committee; Harold Miller and Pearl Siegel, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee; Dennis Lewis, Youth Advisory Committee. In addition, the following individuals were appointed: Tim Callahan, Park and Recreation Advisory Board; Kathy Oliver Jones, Community Relations Advisory Board; Karen Yoho and Jean Snyder, Advisory Committee on Education; Alan Turnbull, Advisory Planning Board.

Council accepted the resignations of the following board and committee members: Robert Spear, Board of Elections; Martha Galvin, Advisory Committee on Education; Albert Herling, Arts Advisory Board; Mary Beth Martindale, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Board and Committee Reports

Council accepted the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee's report of the October 5 open forum, then referred the report to staff for comment.

A preliminary plan of subdivision has been filed for the Prince George's Scrap property (bounded by Branchville Road, Greenbelt Road, Cherrywood Lane and the railroad tracks) calling for construction of a one-story office building and two one-story metal storage buildings on the site. Council accepted the Advisory Planning Board's report, which recommended approval of the plan subject to certain conditions to improve the appearance of the property and to address certain environmental concerns. Council will consider this report at its next meeting.

Planetarium Offers Black History Show

"Follow the Drinking Gourd," a planetarium show based on the well-known children's book by Jeannette Winter, will play at the H.B. Owens Science Center on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. through March 21. It tells the story of a slave family escaping to the North by following the Drinking Gourd (Big Dipper) in the sky. The slaves learned about the drinking gourd from a song taught to them by an itinerant carpenter.

During the program the audience will learn the song and will gain first-hand experience identifying the Drinking Gourd from the planetarium sky. The program relates to astronomy, history, social studies and music.

The center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-918-8750. There is a fee.

Chromatics to Sing In Laurel Concert

The Chromatics, an a cappella singing group from Greenbelt, will perform at the annual free Winter Concert of the South Laurel Recreation Council (SLRC) volunteers.

Reservations are not needed for the performance, which will be held at the Oaklands Presbyterian Church, Route 197 at Cherry Lane in South Laurel on Sunday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

The concert will consist of performances by two other groups as well, beginning with the JoyBells Handbell Choir from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Laurel and Dr. Lynn Monkres and Timothy Peterson in a presentation of P.D.Q. Bach, a musical comedy.

The Annual SLRC Winter Concert is a gift to the community. For further information, call the Council at 301-776-2805. The snow date is Sunday, March 2 at the same time and location.

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Feb. 19th *Those Who Lose Their Life Will Find It* Mark 8:31-37
Richard Cookson, facilitator; music by Melanie Taylor.

Feb. 26th *Religion and the Marketplace* John 2:13-22
Rev. Christy Swanson, facilitator, flutist.

March 5th *Life As Gift* Ephesians 2:1-10
Anita & Joe Uber, facilitators; music by Courtney & Donna Hardman.

March 12th *The Memory of a Beautiful Thing* Mark 14:1-9
Margaret and Dorairaj Benjamin, facilitators; Music by men of choir.

March 19th *The Lesson of the Wheat* John 12:20-36
Rev. Neal Christie, facilitator; music by Enrique Diaz, guest guitarist.

Special Services for Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, March 27th
6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall Agape Meal, Commemoration of the Last Supper. Communion; guitar music: Mike Wheaton, Melanie Taylor, and others. Reflection by Rev. Hutchison.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
March 28th, 7:00 pm A Solemn, Beautiful, and Devastating Commemoration of the Death of Jesus based on a fourth-century ritual of extinguishing lights. Special music by Steve Praether.

Celebrations of Easter
Sunday, March 30th

Buddy Attick Park Sunrise Service spon. by Greenbelt Clergy Assoc.

Fellowship Hall Breakfast afterward (approx. 8:00 am) at

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Sanctuary, 11:00 am A Service of Resurrection and New Life. Special Music by the Mowatt Choir, guest pianist Muriel Balzer. Sermon by Dr. Hutchison: *Ode to Resurrection of the Body*.

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Kick off Bluebird Week, February 23 - March 5, by joining members of the Prince George's Audubon Society at 2 p.m. on Sun., March 2, at the Fran Uhler Natural Area of Patuxent River Park near Bowie State University. Learn how to set up bluebird boxes while walking and refurbishing Audubon's "Bluebird Trail." Nest boxes are available for sale.

Designated the official bird of Prince George's County in 1976, as part of widespread concern about the dwindling numbers of this once familiar songbird, the eastern bluebird has made a great comeback in the county, largely through placement of nesting boxes in open, grassy habitat by individuals, homeowners, school children, farmers, Scouts, and environmental groups.

The eastern bluebird, with its cerulean blue head, back and tail and its rusty red breast, is a member of the same thrush family as the robin. A cavity nester, the bluebird has been hard hit over the years by the loss of habitat. Gone are the dead trees and rotten fence posts it relied on for nesting cavities. It has also been hard hit by the introduction to America of two non-native species of birds — the starling and the house sparrow — which aggressively take over suitable cavities. Thanks to citizen efforts supplying man-made nesting boxes, however, the eastern bluebird's population is increasing.

For information about the walk, call Mike Quinlan at 301-805-4278. For information on Bluebird Week activities at parks and nature centers, call the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at 301-627-2270.

Dance for Heart At Marriott

The American Heart Association will hold the annual "Dance for Heart" convention on Sunday, March 2 at three locations in Maryland. Participants will sample a wide variety of aerobic dance taught by Tim Roberts, aerobic champion, as well as the area's top instructors. Aerobic professionals can earn Continuing Education Certificates by attending classes in the morning. To attend, participants collect pledges for the American Heart Association. Prizes, including watches, sweatshirts and embroidered jackets, are awarded to participants according to the pledges they raise. In Greenbelt, the dance will be at the Greenbelt Marriott. The aerobic demonstrations begin at noon. For more information on how to register, call Jill DeWitt at 301-990-8900.

Free Bird Walk Set for March 1

Join members of the Prince George's Audubon Society for a free leisurely bird walk to look for wintering birds from 8 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area of Patuxent River Park in Bowie. Named after the late Francis Morey Uhler, wildlife biologist at the former Patuxent Wildlife Research Center to its north, this natural area is located near Laurel just north of Bowie State University on Lemons Bridge Road.

Beginners are welcome. Meet at the gate at 8 a.m. Waterproof footwear is suggested. For more information call Mike Quinlan at 301-805-4278 or Patuxent River Park at 301-627-6074.

Medicinal Herbs Are Garden Club Topic

Pharmacologist Maria Price of the Willow Oak Flower and Herb Farm in Severn will speak on medicinal herbs at the February meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club on Wednesday, February 26.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Duckworth Special Center at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. (Evans Trail is one block north of High Point High School, off Powder Mill Road.) Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. For more information, call 301-384-2415.



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Mahanta Workshop Held at Library

A free workshop, "Discover the Mahanta — a Spiritual Guide for Our Times," will be held at the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday, February 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop, which will be led by Matthew Silver, M.D., is sponsored by Eckan Kar, a modern day religion with ancient roots. Silver will share information about the Mahanta, the Living Eck Master, Sri Harold Klemp. For information, call Silver at (410) 964-1842.

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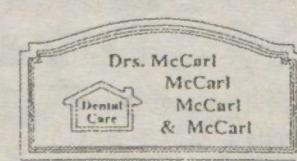


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POLICE BLOTTER

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On February 10, at 2:25 p.m., the School Resource Officer, while patrolling the Roosevelt High School parking lot noticed a group of juveniles run when they observed the marked patrol vehicle. The officer detained one of the juveniles and noticed several bulges in his jacket. A pat down revealed a black-handled "fighting" style knife in one of the jacket pockets. The 17-year-old nonresident was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school property. He was released to the custody of a vice principal pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

On Saturday, February 8, at 2:08 p.m., a cruelty to animal incident was reported in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. A dog had been left out on the balcony since the night before without shelter, food, or water. The animal's owner was not at home, so the dog was removed and taken to the Prince George's County Animal Shelter. The investigation is continuing and charges are pending against the animal's owner.

A burglary was reported on Monday, February 10, at the rental office of Charlestowne North apartments. Entry was gained by breaking a ground floor window. The contents of the office were disturbed, but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Thefts

Two vending machines were reported to have been broken into on Thursday, February 13, and another was taken from the Beltway Plaza Mall.

A vandalism was reported at 1 p.m., on Sunday, February 9, at an office suite in the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway. Windows were broken.

A theft of a purse from a store was reported on Monday, February 10, at the Beltway Plaza. The victim, an employee, left the purse unattended on a counter for a few minutes. When she returned to retrieve it, it was gone. The same day, a cellular telephone was reported stolen from an unsecured office suite in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane.

Vehicle Thefts

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Other Incidents

On February 13, at 12:50 p.m., a 14 year old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged on petition with possession of marijuana after he was stopped by the School Resource Officer at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School for suspicious activity, and suspected marijuana was found in his possession. The youth was released to his mother pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts were reported in the 71 Court of Ridge Road and the 7600 block of Mandan Road on February 7 and in the 7200 block of Morrison Drive on February 13.

Hotline on Drugs

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Drive, an officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Investigation revealed that the vehicle's tags were stolen. A nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft, driving while intoxicated, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, and driving an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released on citation pending trial.

On Tuesday, February 11, a 1989 Chevrolet van, reported stolen January 25 from the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, was recovered by the Prince George's County Police in the 7400 block of Surratts Road in Clinton, Maryland. No arrests were made. On the same day a red over cream 1983 GMC truck, Maryland tags 292648, was reported stolen from the 100 block of Westway.

On Saturday, February 8, at 12:37 a.m., while patrolling the area of Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway, an officer observed a vehicle parked in a suspicious manner. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1995 Dodge Neon 4-door, had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department. The vehicle was impounded. On Thursday, February 13, a black 1995 Honda Accord 4-door sedan, Maryland tags CMC984, was reported stolen from the 7700 block of Ora

sedan was reported stolen from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane on Friday, February 7. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been impounded by the Bladensburg Police Department on the Baltimore/Washington Parkway after it was involved in a single car accident. No arrest was made. On the same day, while patrolling the area of Greenbelt Road and Walker

Warning

The Greenbelt Police Department is investigating a report of a suspicious person who has attempted to lure two different girls away from their normal path while they were walking home from the Greenbelt Middle School, 8950 Edmonston Road, on two separate occasions. In both of the incidents, the victims were walking in the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive when they were approached by the suspect, who attempted to engage each of the victims in a conversation and followed the victims on foot for a short distance before stopping. The first incident took place between January 27 and January 31, at approximately 3:55 p.m., and the second incident occurred on

February 13 at approximately the same time.

One of the victims also reported that during the first incident, the suspect grabbed her by the arm in an attempt to keep the victim from walking away. The victim broke free from the suspect's grasp and continued on her way. She was not injured.

The suspect is described as follows: a black male, 18 to 19 years of age, 5'7", 150 pounds, with a prominent scar between his left eye and ear, wearing a silver and green down coat with a hood and blue jeans.

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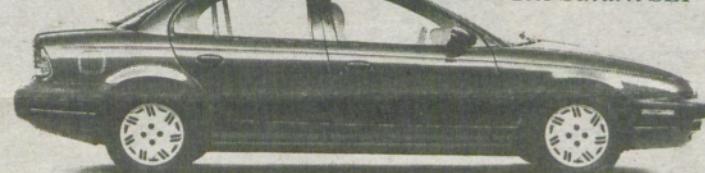
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Public Works crews performed activities in all areas of responsibility: New stencils were made for the parking lots around the Community Center and painting began. A handicapped parking sign, no longer needed at the 16 Court of Ridge Road was removed. Chairs that had been donated by Eye Associates were moved to the Community Center.

Girl Scouts

(Continued from page 1)

the program. Leaders also got into the spirit of things, sharing their best tips for badge activities with one another and making plans for their girls to move to older girl troops in the fall. The groups were named for famous Greenbelters: Tugwell, Braden, and Skolnik and rotated between three activities.

Upstairs in the Community Center, Greenbelt Museum Curator Ann Denkler led the Tugwell group in hands-on activities, such as looking at artifacts and writing stories, drawing maps of Greenbelt, and trying to identify some "what is it?" items the Museum has inherited over the years. The Museum considered the Girl Scouts a "test audience" for a new curriculum unit being developed for use in sixth grade classrooms in the county. "The girls were great and gave us a lot of feedback on ways we can develop further children's programs and materials to be both educational and interesting," said Denkler.

Downstairs in the dining room, the Braden group was busy with an interesting service project. "How many of you have visited the Greenbelt Library?" they were asked. All the hands went up. Further discussion reminded the girls how they have come to rely on the library services for working on homework, checking out books, tapes, and videos, and even researching topics for a Girl Scout badge. Each girl designed postcards that will be mailed to Prince George's County Council Member Audrey Scott and Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry, urging them to consider keeping libraries open as a number one priority.

Here are some examples of important messages they sent:

"Dear Ms. Scott, Everyone counts on the library. I bet you go to a library somewhere. Would you like it if someone closed it down? So, please don't close it. From Elizabeth Sankor."

Another card written for Ms. Scott reads, "Dear Audrey Scott, The library is a great place people love. So don't you dare shut down the library, or people won't like you anymore. Sincerely, Chrissy."

Another writes, "Dear



Greenbelt Girl Scouts display their postcards to help keep the Greenbelt Library open. In front next to table (l-r): Beth Brenner, Corinne Tull, Brittany Gray, Aubrey Schiavone. Standing (l-r): Meredith Dupree, Chrissy Voigt, Allison Payne, Taylor Cantwell, Joanna Reed, Kelly Jacobs, Chrissy Mulkey, Beth Mason, Melissa Snyder, Samantha Keller.

Audrey, I am writing to you telling you not to close the library. If you do, it will depress the whole town of Greenbelt. Sincerely, Robin N. Brooks."

A young Brownie Girl Scout says it succinctly, "Dear Wayne, please leave open. I like it."

Junior Girl Scout leader Cindy Gray shares her impressions: "Girl Scouts are known for their service to the community, but writing postcards supporting the library is especially important and timely. The girls could really understand what not having the library might be like and learned that their involvement can make a big difference."

While Girls Scouts were looking through artifacts and designing postcards, the Skolnik group was on a Greenbelt Discovery Hunt around Roosevelt Center. One of the stops included a visit to the Greenbelt Museum, where they had to answer the questions, "How did they hang pictures and how many burners are on the stove?" They learned many more details, thanks to the museum volunteers who came to share their love of Greenbelt with the girls.

Everyone gathered back at the Youth Center for an hour of

fun games and silly songs. In between squeals of laughter, passersby could hear the girls scream, "Snickelfritz!" and ask the question, "Do you like your neighbor?" Tasty Domino's pizza arrived just in time for the hungry bunch and then it was off to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center for a swim. Back at the Youth Center all snuggled into their sleeping bags, as the girls watched a 1930's Shirley Temple film.

Less than 24 hours after it began, Greenbelt Discovery Day was one for the record books, as bags were packed and girls were picked up early Sunday morning. It was a successful event by all accounts, thanks to the cooperative spirit of Girl Scout leaders and adult volunteers, the Greenbelt Lions Club, Barbara Havekost and Ann Denkler, the Greenbelt Museum, staffs of the Community Center and Youth Center, and Domino's Pizza!

In the coming weeks, as you see Greenbelt Girl Scouts selling cookies around town, ask them what makes Greenbelt special and you're sure to see a smile on their faces and twinkles in their eyes!

ing (l-r): Meredith Dupree, Chrissy Voigt, Allison Payne, Taylor Cantwell, Joanna Reed, Kelly Jacobs, Chrissy Mulkey, Beth Mason, Melissa Snyder, Samantha Keller.



"Elbow to Elbow!" Greenbelt Girl Scouts Kelly Jacobs (left) and Doreen Reed enjoy playing "Snickelfritz."

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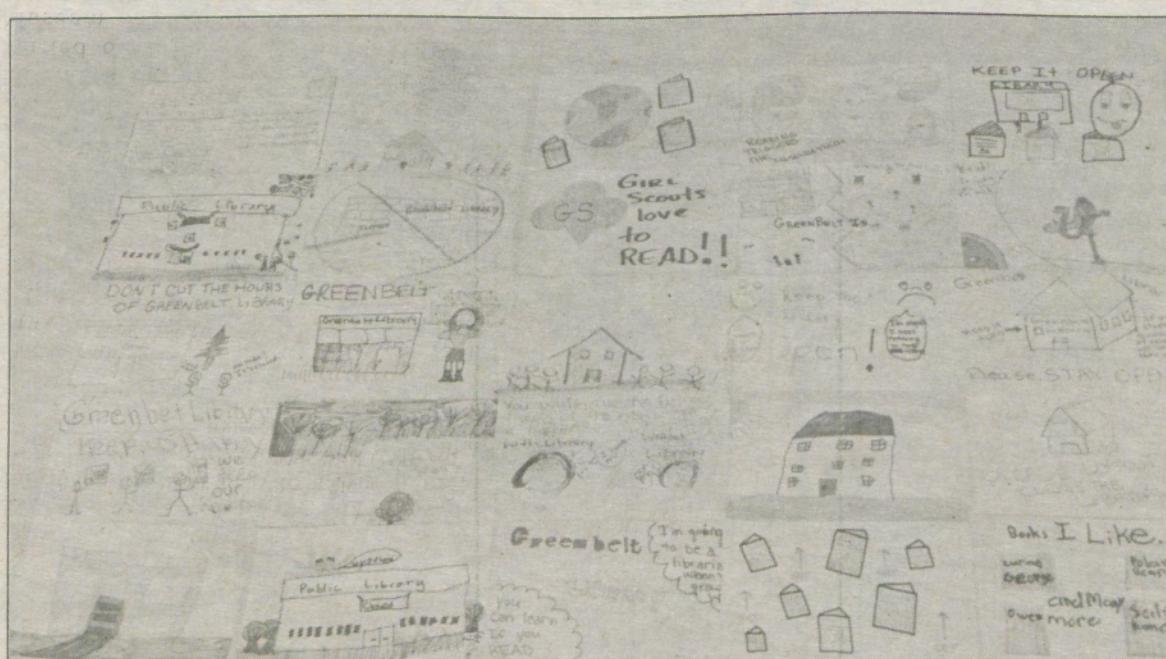
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BREATHTAKING VIEW! 2BR is nestled against the woods with an awesome deck. Big dining area, remodeled see-thru kitchen & country decor. Updated bath. \$587 monthly \$39,900

IKEA KITCHEN Open with extra cabinets & counter space, ceramic tile flooring & backsplash, white appliances, dishwasher & double sink. Separate laundry. Updated bath. Lovely



A blizzard of Girl Scout post cards shows their views on keeping libraries open.

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